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of Cranio-Mandibular Orthopedics

36th Annual Bernard Jankleson
Memorial Lecture

NEUROMUSCULAR DENTISTRY

FIRST STEPS TO MASTERY:
A Meeting with Something for
Everyone Along the TMD Journey



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9:00AM – 12:00PM**FELLOWSHIP TUTORIAL & TEST**

Dr. Jennifer Stafford

The major objectives of the Fellowship Program of ICCMO are to provide recognition of an individual for high level of achievement in the diagnosis and treatment of TMD and for professional efforts to advance the science of the biophysics and physiology of the head and neck. The candidate must successfully pass the Fellowship Written Examination and must submit a Fellowship application, evidence of completion of 75 hours of continuing education courses or teaching (within the past three years) related to diagnosis and/or treatment of TMD, biophysics and physiology of the head, neck and stomatognathic system, and also submit three neuromuscularly complete case histories documented with objective data and a post treatment evaluation for review of a proficient understanding of neuromuscular occlusion. This course will go through the steps of preparing you to take the Fellowship test as well as how to successfully submit your three complete documented cases for review.

Fellowship Test will immediately follow.

9:00AM – 2:00PM**Introduction to Neuromuscular Dentistry**

Dr. Pam Marzban & Dr. Mac Lee

Temporomandibular Dysfunction is a condition that affects over 85% of our population. It is a true pandemic that most dentists have little to no training on how to diagnose or manage. TMD pain in adults is due to a deficiency of craniofacial growth during the developmental stage. Dr. Pam Marzban will share her experience in diagnosis and treatment to establish the correct growth of the maxilla and mandible which creates beautiful faces, patent airways and a life free of TMD. Dr. Mac Lee will discuss, in common sense terms, how to diagnose the three major culprits of TMD pain; deficient maxilla, torqued mandible, and posterior interferences and both will discuss the diagnosis and treatment of TMD pain.

9:00AM – 5:00PM**MASTERSHIP TUTORIAL & TEST**

Dr. Konstantin Ronkin & Dr. Tammarie Heit

To attain Mastership, interested candidates must first attain Fellowship in the College. Following Fellowship, the candidate must then successfully pass the Mastership written examination. Dr. Ronkin and Dr. Heit will provide experienced NM Dentists with a concise overview of the ICCMO Mastership Exam. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate will submit a thesis proposal for approval, followed by a completed thesis on a subject matter related to the academic interest area of the College. Learning Objectives: Learn and demonstrate NMD concepts at a Mastership level. Learn how to produce a thesis which must be defended.

Mastership Test will immediately follow.

1:00 – 3:00PM**Vacuum, Occlusion, and Posture: A Team-Based Approach to TMD and Sleep Outcomes**

Jenny Hobson, PT, DPT, MTC, CFC, CMTPT

Additional Fee: \$110

This lecture integrates airway function, cranio-cervical biomechanics, and occlusal dynamics into a practical interdisciplinary framework for managing TMD, sleep-disordered breathing, and head/neck pain. Dr. Jenny Hobson will explore how vacuum-based tongue stabilization, nasal breathing, spinal alignment, and mandibular position interact to influence airway patency, clenching, occlusion, and whole-body postural stability. Participants will examine how structural interventions—such as palatal expansion and occlusal treatment—are strengthened by functional integration, including suction-based oral posture, breath regulation, and cervical stabilization. The session will also review the bidirectional relationship between the upper cervical spine, mandibular cant, and descending spinal compensation, and introduce the Aqualizer as a collaborative screening tool for identifying occlusal drivers of neck and back pain.

This presentation emphasizes a team-based model between dentists, physical therapists, and other providers to improve clinical outcomes in TMD, sleep, and pain populations by aligning structure, function, and neuromuscular control.

Learning Objectives

- Explain the functional link between airway mechanics, vacuum-based tongue stabilization, upper cervical alignment, and occlusal loading in patients with TMD, sleep-disordered breathing, and craniofacial pain.
- Identify how dental and orthodontic interventions can be supported by physical therapy strategies including nasal breathing retraining, ribcage and postural restoration, and cranio-cervical stabilization to improve treatment stability and symptom outcomes.
- Apply an interdisciplinary screening and referral framework using tools such as suction stabilization training and the Aqualizer appliance to recognize occlusal and airway contributors to head, neck, and back pain and coordinate care with PT, chiropractic, and dental providers.

2:00 – 3:00PM**What is EBITDA?!?**

Daniel Richards

What practice owners need to know about EBITDA when buying, selling, or operating in private practice.

Learning Objectives

- Learn the keys to unlocking your own EBITDA
- Find quick ways to increase both net income and EBITDA multiples
- Our favorite metrics to use when creating a full EBITDA narrative for a potential buyer



3:30 – 5:00PM

The Biomechanical Brain: Rewiring Health from Teeth to Toes

Why pain keeps coming back—and what to do when “good care” still doesn’t hold.

If you’ve tried the stretches, the strengthening, the adjustments, the treatments—and you still feel stuck—this book is for you.

Chronic pain rarely persists because you’re weak, broken, or doing it wrong. More often, it persists because your body is running a protective strategy: bracing, twisting, clenching, breath-holding—anything it needs to do to feel stable under gravity. That’s not failure. That’s your nervous system doing its job.

The Biomechanical Brain brings together an integrated, clinically tested framework that connects what most healthcare treats separately: TMJ alignment, TMJ bite pain, mouth breathing posture, the upper neck, the pelvis, and nervous system regulation—all through one lens: load, capacity, and organization.

Learning Objectives

- Why pain often shows up where protection reaches its limit—not where the real driver began
- How “brain and joint health” is shaped by posture, breath mechanics, and sensory stability (not just isolated joints)
- How pelvic distortion can quietly fuel hip and back pain—and why fixing the symptom often isn’t enough
- Why breathing is not a wellness trend, but a primary lever for nervous system regulation
- How the bite can stabilize—or destabilize—the entire system, sometimes by millimetres
- Why sequencing matters: the right tool at the wrong time can fail (or backfire)
- How “neuroplasticity healing” becomes practical when the body finally has enough stability to reorganize

This is not a one-size-fits-all protocol. It’s a way to stop guessing—by understanding why your body is protecting, what’s filling the bucket, and what has to change first for results to hold.

5:00 – 7:00PM

President’s Welcome Reception

Kick off the weekend of education and networking and meet our exhibitors with light hors d’oeuvres and refreshments.

9:00 – 10:00AM

You Treat the Patient. Who’s Treating the Practice?

Flint Geier

Learning Objectives

- Why the business of dentistry needs the same diagnostic thinking you apply clinically
- How most practices have symptoms they’ve learned to live with — but don’t have to
- The three ways to grow any practice, in any economy
- What a healthy, high-performing team actually looks like from the inside
- An honest look into a live diagnosis of your practice

10:30AM – 12:00PM

Sleep Snoring, and Systemic Health: How Lasers Improve Outcomes

Dr. Scott Parker

The impact of disrupted sleep each year in the United States is estimated to be over \$411 billion. Other sleep related conditions could push this number over \$1 trillion annually. As dentists, we are often the first to recognize the signs of airway challenges in our patients. While we continue to make progress in understanding the negative impact of sleep disruption and oral challenges in our society, as clinicians we must understand and provide treatment options that improve the lives of our patients.

This presentation is designed to help clinicians understand the increasing role that lasers play in practice and how they can improve workflow, outcomes, and efficiency for clinicians.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the difference between wavelengths for treating sleep disruption
- Dispelling common sales fallacies regarding lasers
- Describe protocols for treating snoring and airway issues with various lasers
- Discuss available options for monitoring treatment success

10:30AM – 12:00PM**Stop Overthinking Neuromuscular Dentistry!
How a Practical System for Clinical Excellence
and Case Acceptance will Scale Profitability in
Your Practice**

Dr. Jeffrey Haddad

Neuromuscular Dentistry is NOT the problem....it's the way it's being practiced. Most dentists get lost in the data, the devices, and the decision-making. This lecture will show you how to turn it into something predictable, efficient, and incredibly profitable-WITHOUT compromising outcomes. With the right systems, case presentation clarity, and confidence in execution, you can take your NM practice to the next level of success.

1:30 – 3:00PM**"Problems" and Solutions -
Troubleshooting in a NMD/TMD Practice**

Dr. Prabu Raman

"Every problem has a solution" is one of Dr Raman's core beliefs. As such, when a problem arises, he strives to find a solution to turn it into a "lesson" rather than giving up and accepting failure.

From a clinician who has exclusively devoted his practice to treating complex TMD/craniocervical mandibular dysfunction (CCMD) patients for over 25 years, you will learn solutions to problems that arise during phase 1 and phase 2 TMD treatment.

**MLS® Laser Therapy for TMD: Improving Pain,
Function, and Treatment Response**

Dr. Kristina Wolf

Clinicians may approach the diagnosis and treatment of temporomandibular disorders through different clinical frameworks. Regardless of the treatment model being used, pain, inflammation, muscle guarding, tissue irritability, and restricted movement can interfere with patient comfort, function, and progress through care.

This presentation focuses specifically on the clinical application of MLS® Laser Therapy in patients with temporomandibular disorders. Attendees will explore how laser therapy may be used to reduce pain, improve mandibular movement, address muscular and articular tenderness, and help patients better tolerate the other components of their treatment plan.

The course will review the biological principles of photobiomodulation, patient selection, anatomical targeting, treatment timing, dosing considerations, frequency of care, and methods for evaluating clinical response.

Clinical cases will demonstrate how MLS® Laser Therapy can be incorporated before, during, or after other TMD interventions.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the fundamental biological effects of photobiomodulation and the characteristics of MLS® Laser Therapy.
- Identify muscular, cervical, and mixed TMD presentations that may benefit from adjunctive laser therapy.
- Select treatment targets based on history, palpation, range-of-motion testing, pain provocation, and functional findings.
- Develop a clinically appropriate sequence for incorporating laser therapy into an existing TMD treatment plan.

3:30 – 4:30PM**Comedy, Magic, and Motivation
in One Package**

Robinson's background as a professional stand-up comedian and magician gives him a rare ability to captivate audiences from the first moment on stage. His performances are interactive, high-energy, and expertly calibrated to fit any audience. He weaves motivational messages seamlessly into his comedy and magic, ensuring that you will leave not just entertained but genuinely inspired.

5:30 – 7:00PM**Networking Reception**

9:00 – 10:30AM**Optimizing your Dentistry for the Digital World**

Scott Verzwylt

Whether taking a J5 TENS Bite or a K7 Bite, digital dentistry has a significant role within the practice. Integrating the new digital tools available will not only position your practice to compete, but also thrive. Take back control of your case from initial scans, through laboratory communication and final case delivery. Use cutting edge AI-enhanced tools to segment, diagnose and design your treatment plan, including smile design. Learn how digital integration not only facilitates your case, but also can sell the case to the patient.

Learning Objectives

- Understanding current State-of-the-Art regarding Digital Dentistry
- Integration and optimization of existing systems
- Learn how AI-enhanced tools can assist with smile design and segmentation
- How Digital dentistry workflow can assist your NM Practice

9:00 – 10:30AM**The Influence of Dentistry on Athletic Performance**

Dr. E. Jan Chithalen

Poor Oral Health is increasingly recognized as a modifiable factor that significantly impacts Athletic Performance and Recovery. Conditions such as dental caries and periodontal disease can trigger systemic inflammation, elevating fatigue levels and delaying muscle repair. Furthermore, malocclusions and jaw misalignment may disrupt postural balance and reduce muscular power by up to 17%.

Addressing these issues through regular dental screening and custom protective equipment can optimize VO2max, mental focus and overall physical resilience, providing athletes with a critical competitive edge.

Learning Objectives

- Oral health can contribute to athletic performance
- Dental screening of athletes is essential to overall health
- The absence of disease is a factor in athletic performance
- Occlusion can affect power output
- Dentists (especially neuro-muscular dentists) can affect athletic performance

Techniques used to treat Temporomandibular Dysfunction may also be used to optimize athletic performance.

11:00AM – 12:00PM**Sphenocath**

Brian Bilbro

11:00AM – 12:00PM**Comprehensive Airway & Structural Expansion: A Tri-Phasic Approach Utilizing MARPE, PNMD, and TMJ Stabilization**

Dr. Alpa Merchant

This 60-minute advanced clinical masterclass provides a comprehensive exploration of the biomechanical, anatomic, and neuromuscular synergies required to treat complex adult airway compromise, transverse maxillary deficiency, and temporomandibular joint (TMJ) dysfunction. Attendees will examine a tri-phasic diagnostic and therapeutic workflow that unifies bone-borne Miniscrew-Assisted Rapid Palatal Expansion (MARPE), Neuromuscular Dentistry (PNMD), and objective TMJ decompression.

By prioritizing joint stabilization and muscle relaxation prior to skeletal expansion, clinicians learn how to predictably broaden the nasal floor and palatal vault without compromising condylar posture, inducing alveolar bone fenestration, or disrupting occlusal stability. Supported by 3D CBCT volumetrics, surface electromyography (sEMG), computerized mandibular tracking, and documented clinical outcomes, this presentation delivers a clear, evidence-based roadmap for restoring structural airway capacity, joint equilibrium, and neuromuscular balance.

1:30 – 2:45PM**The Tongue, Hyoid, and Occlusion: Measurable Changes in Cervical-Mandibular Posture Following Myofunctional Therapy, Frenectomy, and NM Orthotic Therapy**

Paper Presentation by Dr. Jennifer Stafford

No matter how smart you are, how experienced you are, or how great your technology is, you can never out-treat or out-prescribe diet and lifestyle.

We will discuss diet and lifestyle and how we can enhance clinical outcomes for your patients, your team, your family, and yourself.

Learning Objectives:

- Gain an understanding of how diet and lifestyle influence treatment outcomes
- Learn simple additions to diet that will make a big difference
- Learn some easy lifestyle changes that can be life changing

3:00 – 6:00PM**Digital Measurement of Trajectories and Occlusion-Hands On Workshop****Dr. Raj Ravi**

Dr. Raj will briefly explain the advantages of measuring the muscles and occlusion digitally so that a dentist can register a bite for any dental procedure - from a single tooth filling to a multi-implant based full mouth rehabilitation.

He will also explain the importance of measuring trajectories with Axiography and digital facebow/3D articulators to enable efficiency with precision and communication with the lab for better treatment using any orthodontic system be it aligners or conventional orthodontics.

This will be followed by a demonstration of how we can utilize specific equipment to register a bilaterally-symmetrical-isotonic-muscle bite using patented TENS units and measuring the muscles to confirm the bite with Electromyography.

Dr. Raj will also demonstrate the basic usage of digital occlusion equipment that helps a dentist to confirm the bite in microns. This is very important because the occlusal proprioception starts at 5 microns.

Learning Objectives

- The importance of utilizing technology in everyday orthodontics.
- Using digital dentistry to help not just with moving teeth but also in function and facial aesthetics.
- Using digital 3D articulators for ease in communication with lab with various trajectories based on any occlusion theory from a single tooth onlay to multiple implant supported FMRs, Orthodontics and smile designing.
- Using Digital Axiography to treat patients with more precision in function by understanding the trajectory of not just the mandible but also the condyle.



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BRIAN BILBRO

brings over 30 years of experience in the medical field, and a diverse background spanning pharmaceutical sales, medical device representation, and laboratory sciences. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a strong track record of driving innovation and advancing medical technologies.

More than a decade ago, Mr. Bilbro played a pivotal role in introducing the SphenoCath to the market. Since then, he has developed deep, hands-on expertise with the device, earning a reputation as a leading authority in its application and clinical integration.

The SphenoCath is an FDA-registered Class I medical device and is MDR-compliant in Europe. Over the past ten years, it has been widely adopted by neurologists, pain management specialists, and primary care physicians.

Today, the SphenoCath is gaining significant momentum within the field of regenerative medicine, where it is increasingly utilized for the targeted delivery of biologics to the neuroanatomical region, representing a promising advancement in patient care and therapeutic outcomes.



DR. E. JAN CHITHALEN, FICCMO,

grew up in the Hamilton area attending Ancaster High School. After graduating with honours in 1987, Dr. Chithalen attended McMaster University in Hamilton, and in 1990 received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology (Summa Cum Laude).

From there he went to Toronto to study in the field of Dentistry and is a 1994 graduate of University of Toronto, with the Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. After graduation from U of T, Dr. Chithalen spent one year at the Hamilton General Hospital as a Dental Resident and in 1995 began working as an associate with his father, Dr. J.F. Chithalen at 118 Stinson Street. After his father's

retirement in 1997, Dr. E.J. Chithalen took over the full time operation of the clinic on Stinson Street, and now offers appointments five days a week.

Dr. Chithalen is passionate about Dentistry in general making efforts to invest in the most up-to-date equipment, provide scientifically based procedures and utilize 'tooth conservative' techniques. He is a member of The Royal College Dental Surgeons, The Ontario Dental Association, The Canadian Dental Association, The Hamilton Dental Academy and the Academy of Sports Dentistry (where he currently sits as a Board Member and Canadian Liaison)



FLINT GEIER

As President of Scheduling Institute, soon to be The New Patient Institute, Flint leads one of the

most results-focused organizations in dentistry, training dental teams to convert more new patients and helping practice owners build thriving, scalable businesses.

His work has impacted thousands of practices across the country, helping doctors uncover hidden revenue, elevate team performance, and create patient experiences that actually stick.

Flint's approach is direct, practical, and built on one belief: most practices aren't losing patients because of their clinical care — they're losing them because of what happens before and after the chair.

He also hosts the *New Patients Now* podcast, where he breaks down what's working in real practices right now. A former Cornell football player, Flint brings the same competitive discipline to the business of dentistry that he did to the field — and his audiences leave with frameworks they can execute the next morning.



DR. JEFFREY S. HADDAD

received his undergraduate degree in Psychology in 1997, and his dental degree in 2001, both from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Haddad maintains three dental practices in Rochester and Rochester Hills, Michigan with a focus on TMJ and Sleep Disorders, Cosmetic Dentistry, and full mouth reconstruction. He has over 2,000 hours of post-graduate dental education and extensive training at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies (LVI), achieving his Fellowship status at LVI in 2011. This makes him one of the few dentists in the world who completed this level of advanced education in cosmetics, TMJ and sleep apnea treatment, and full mouth reconstruction. He has developed several courses on how to predictably treat complex TMD and OSA patients and trains doctors on these advanced techniques and approaches. Dr. Haddad teaches and lectures internationally on TMJ and Sleep Disorders, cosmetic dentistry, and practice management and marketing.



DR. TAMMARIE HEIT, FICCMO, MICCMO,

practices craniofacial sleep medicine and general dentistry in Edmonton, Canada. She is an Integrated Clinical Advisor in the Vivos® Integrated Healthcare Network where she leads a multidisciplinary team of medical doctors, general dentists, and their staff.

Dr. Heit has achieved her Mastership at the International College of Craniomandibular Orthopedics. As Integrated Clinical Advisor at Vivos®, she works with clinicians from around the world to conduct research and develop clinical protocols for the treatment of craniofacial developmental deficiencies for the treatment of mild-to-moderate obstructive sleep apnea and sleep disordered breathing.



DR. JENNY HOBSON

is a European-trained physical therapist with advanced expertise in manual therapy, craniofacial rehabilitation, breathing retraining, and oral posture correction. She is one of only two physical therapists

in the U.S. selected to teach Dr. Mariano Rocabado's TMD and craniocervical method through the University of St. Augustine, where she earned her doctorate. Dr. Hobson's integrative approach draws from the structural foundation of Rocabado's work, the functional breathing science of Patrick McKeown, and the neurologic regulation strategies of Dr. Lois Laynee. Through this unique fusion, she developed a comprehensive system that restores airway health by retraining posture, breathing patterns, and nervous system balance.

Her model integrates manual therapy, myofunctional techniques, and craniosacral work to address conditions like TMD, sleep-disordered breathing, migraines, and chronic pain. Dr. Hobson treats both pediatric and adult patients at her three Hobson Institute

locations in Chicago and offers a range of online and in person courses for medical professionals and patients alike. She teaches the Rocabado method to PTs and dentists and is actively training interdisciplinary providers in her "Intro to Airway Evaluation & RX" course, advancing a collaborative approach to airway-centered care.

Her mission is clear: to help people breathe, sleep, and heal through structure, function, and regulation.



DR. MAC LEE, FICCMO has been deeply involved in all aspects of dentistry which include a very successful general

practice, co-founder of Dental Boot Camp, creator of Premier's dental ORA5 antimicrobial, a dental advisor to Dr. Mehmet Oz, until he told Dr. Oz he was wrong in his dental information. For the last thirty years, he has been a high end consultant for some of the better dental offices in North America. He is the author of two consumer books on dentistry and an executive director for the International College of Craniomandibular Orthopedics (ICCMO).

He started his TMD journey first at the Pankey Institute in 1977 and continued learning about complicated dentistry with Dawson and Kois. He has a solid background of virtually all TMJD concepts. He has put all his efforts in the last decade to Neuromuscular Dentistry. Retired from clinical dentistry, Dr. Lee's passion is bring awareness of the life-robbing pain to the world.



DR. PAM MARZBAN, FICCMO has had a 20+ year dental career that has been one of continual learning, both for

herself and her team. Her extensive training in cosmetic dentistry, digital smile design, sleep and airway dentistry and physiologic TMJ rehabilitation has made her a craniofacial and smile design expert. She is an international speaker on dental technology, the business side of dentistry and communication. She is the published author of "Craniofacial Development: from infancy to adult" and writes for the Academy of General Dentistry and Washingtonian Magazine. Her clinical work with TMD rehabilitation and full mouth rehabilitation has been recognized and awarded internationally. Her complex aesthetic full mouth rehabilitation cases have been published in industry journals. She is in private practice, works in the Department of General Dentistry at VCU, serves as a VDA delegate and is on the Board of Regents of ICCMO. I will stop talking in the third person and just say ... I live and breath comprehensive physiologic cosmetic dentistry and enjoy sharing my knowledge with my profession!



DR. SCOTT PARKER has educated thousands of clinicians across the US and internationally.

In that time, he has advocated for increased standards in aesthetic and restorative procedures, minimally invasive techniques, and dental technology. Having taught over 1500 hours in

didactic course as well as 1200+ hours of hands-on surgical and treatment courses, Dr. Parker is well versed in teaching and hands-on training. In addition to speaking and training, he has written or is listed on over 30 patents or patents-pending and has published many articles in dental and scientific journals.

In 2011, after sixteen years of dental practice experience, Dr. Parker transitioned from clinical dentistry into leadership roles in the dental industry and most recently serves as the Vice President of Clinical Affairs for DEKA Dental Lasers, where he oversees clinical education, hands-on in-office clinical laser training, and emerging technology applications.

Dr. Parker has a deep, hands-on understanding of dental aesthetics, lasers, implants, functional reconstruction, and dental technologies. His professional affiliations include: The Academy of Laser Dentistry (Education Committee and Board of Directors), American Sleep and Breathing Academy (diplomate), American Society for Dental Aesthetics (accredited), Academy of RV Tucker Study Clubs, The American Dental Association, and The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. When not teaching, he enjoys spending time with his family, riding his bicycle, playing music, and woodworking.



DR. ALPA MERCHANT is a highly experienced dentist specializing in dental sleep medicine with a

focus on diagnosing and treating TMJ dysfunction and its impact on sleep apnea, bruxism, and other sleep-related oral health issues. Expert in utilizing advanced technologies such as Laser assisted soft palate reduction, tongue and lip tie laser assisted treatments, palatal expansion, Micro implant assisted rapid palatal expansion (MARPE), TMD treatment options ranging from fixed orthotics and physiologic neuromuscular orthodontics to Full mouth reconstruction.

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DR. PRABU RAMAN,
DDS, MICCMO,
LVIM, has dedicated

his career to
providing exceptional
dental care. He has

practiced in Kansas City since 1983. Dr. Raman graduated from William Jewell College and the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. He continued his training at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies, where he served as a speaker, Senior Clinical Instructor, and Regional Director. His passion for learning and teaching drives his work every day. Dr. Raman combines years of experience with advanced techniques to help patients find relief from pain and improve their overall quality of life. Dr. Raman is the International President of the International College of Cranio-Mandibular Orthopedics (ICCMO). This role reflects his decades of leadership and dedication to neuromuscular dentistry. Dr. Raman also teaches live-patient and lecture courses on aesthetics and TMD treatment. Over the years, he has lectured in Argentina, Australia, Canada, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Russia, and throughout the United States. His involvement in global education shows his ongoing commitment to advancing the field of physiologic dentistry and improving patient care everywhere.



DR. RAJ RAVI
RAVEENDRANATHAN
BDS, PH.D, FICCMO, MICCMO,

was born and brought up in Bahrain completed his graduation from Rajas Dental College attached to the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai, India in 1997. He completed his training in Neuromuscular Orthodontics at ICNOG (International College of Neuromuscular Orthodontics and Gnathology, Italy) in 2006. He is the PIONEER in India to use the ULF TENS and mandibular tracking device (K7) and hence start the super-specialty practice of Neuromuscular Dentistry in 2005.

Dr. Rajesh is an AACP – Tufts University certified Dental Sleep Medicine specialist after completing his residency programme on “TMJ and Sleep Medicine” at Tufts University, Boston, USA in 2011. He procured his Fellowship and Mastership from ICCMO (International College of Cranio Mandibular Orthopedics) in 2015. He procured his honorary PhD from Ecole Superieure, University of Sorbonne in France in 2018. He is the Founder President of ICCMO India Section that was formed in 2017. He is also currently the International Secretary of the ICCMO International Board of Regents. He has occupied several positions in the IDA (India Dental Association).

Dr. Rajesh is the Managing Director of “Indra Craniofacial Pain Relief India LLP” which guides The Right Bite Duedent Neuromuscular Orthodontic Lab to fabricate licensed appliances in South Asia like ALF, DNA etc., and is a distributor for several NMD specific equipment like Myotronics, GemPro, Quicksplint etc. He is also the Chairman of the “The Right Bite Craniofacial Pain Care®” that runs centres across India to treat patients with craniofacial pain and conducts seminars/courses. He encourages the point that dentists are not just “tooth-doctors”! He is a consultant TMJ/Sleep Medicine specialist at The Right Bite (Bangalore, Mumbai & Delhi), The Right Bite– Dental World (Kolkata), KIMS (Trivandrum), Korambayil Hospital (Manjeri) and Indra Dental & TMJ Care Centre (Malappuram) in India.



DANIEL RICHARDS

is the CEO and
founder of CFO
Dental Partners.
The company was
named Top Dental CFO

Company of 2025 by Healthcare Business Review. His team supports independent dentists nationwide to build stronger, more profitable practices by bringing CFO-level insights to the everyday decisions that shape a dental office. Their unmatched financial clarity has helped their clients average 27 percent year-over-year growth in net income the last five years. Daniel loves living in the mountain west with his wife and 5 kids

where he can golf, hunt, and snowboard. He loves to travel, hiking and eating in the most beautiful places in the world. He’s also obsessed with finding the nation’s best raised glazed donut.



DR. KONSTANTIN
RONKIN, PH.D,
FICCMO, MICCMO

is one of the Founders
and President of the
Boston Institute of

Aesthetic Medicine and three dental clinics in Boston, St. Petersburg and Moscow. President of the International College of Cranio-Mandibular Orthopedics (ICCMO), President of the American section and past President of the Russian section of the International College of Cranio-Mandibular Orthopedics (ICCMO). Adjunct professor, Neuromuscular Orthodontics, UJI University in Castellon, Spain. Member of the editorial board of the professional dental magazine CRANIO.

He attained his dental education from First Medical Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia (1980), Tufts University (Boston, 1993), Las Vegas Institute of Advanced Dental Studies (2002). As well as, completing the top management program of The School of Management, MGE (2004, USA).

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Dr. Stafford is the co-founder and co-president of the ICCMO Neuromuscular Study Club. In May 2025 she earned her masters degree in neuromuscular orthodontics at Universitat Jaume I in Spain, and co-founded the orthodontic teaching program Neuromuscular Orthodontic Studies. Dr. Stafford is passionate about making a meaningful impact in the lives of those who struggle with chronic orofacial pain and airway issues. Fostering collaboration within the field fuels her passion and dedication for both her patients and her peers.



SCOTT VERZWYVELT

A 2002 graduate of University of Washington, Scott Verzwylt is the Engineering

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DR. CURTIS WESTERSUND, FICCMO, MICCMO

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DR. KRISTINA WOLF, MS, DMD

Based in Cleveland, Dr. Wolf has dedicated her career to the fields of sleep

medicine and pain management, sparked by personal experiences with TMJ and sleep-related issues. Her search for solutions led to an extensive exploration of dental sleep medicine, craniofacial pain, and TMJ disorders, alongside breathwork, nutrition, and various holistic therapies.

Currently serving as a professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, she imparts knowledge in Anatomy, Physiology, and Neuroscience. Holding a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) and a Masters of Science (MS) in Applied Anatomy from CWRU, she excels in educating patients about their conditions and guiding them towards healing and wellness. Dr. Wolf looks forward to engaging with new patients and sharing their journey towards better health.

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